

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communmication filed on 29 June 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: For claim 1, Collas discloses an arrangement comprising a body of plastic material and a base. The body is coupled to the base. A locking pin is fixed to the button body wherein a cloth of an apparel article is fixed between the locking pin and the button body. A space is between the button body and the base of the button. Collas fails to disclose an assembly encapsulated by a plastic film located in the space, that the assembly is formed by a ring antenna and a silicon chip laterally located near the antenna where the antenna has a central first hole to receive an engineering plug and a terminal circular flap located in a second hole provided in the center of the base of the button. Although some of the prior art of record teaches the use of an antenna with a silicon chip being embedded in a plastic button, the prior art of record fails to disclose that a plastic film is used to encapsulate the ring antenna and the silicon chip in a space provided in the button and having an engineering plug passing through a first hole in the antenna and having a terminal circular flap located in a separate base of the button. Accordingly, it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to provide a ring antenna with a silicon chip where the antenna and chip are encapsulated by a plastic film disposed within the space of the body with an engineering plug passing through a central first hole in the antenna and the chip located near the antenna and with a terminal circular flap located adjacent to the engineering plug and within a second hole in the base of the button where the chip store data through programmed codes in a

logical sequence containing a fixed code to identify an apparel and a flexible code to save complementary information on the apparel.

For claim 3, the same reasons for allowance for claim 1 apply to claim 3 since Collas discloses that the button body forms a circular guide instead of the engineering plug, however, it fails to disclose that a terminal circular flap is located within an opening of the base of the button, an assembly is encapsulated with a plastic film located in the space and that the assembly is formed by a ring antenna and a silicon chip laterally located near the antenna.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Collas et al. discloses a button having a body of a button, a base of a button and a locking pin.

Reimann (US 4,215,388), Acson et al. (US 4,531,310), Chien (US 2006/0007668 A1) and international Patent Document 2005-071853 discloses the use of chips with buttons.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ruth C Rodriguez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7070. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 07:15 - 15:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075.


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